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In Re Application of:

ARCANGEL et al.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2005, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response, accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.